Task 5. Read the texts below. For questions (23-27) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

Urban heat islands

Scientists now fear that global warming may be increased by what they call the 'urban heat island effect'. This refers to considerable rises in temperature in big cities, when (**23**)_____to surrounding rural areas, that affect local climate patterns in (**24**) _____ of rainfall and wind. Basically when plants and trees are cut down and concrete is put in their (**25**) _____the natural state is already altered. Then the way the concrete itself absorbs, (**26**) _____and releases heat further alters the natural balance. Then waste heat from traffic and buildings, together with ozone pollution, (**27**) _____still further to the problem.

23	**A** balanced	**B** connected	**C** measured	**D** compared
24	**A** regard	**B** terms	**C** concern	**D** relation
25	**A** position	**B** room	**C** place	**D** situation
26	**A** stores	**B** maintains	**C** stays	**D** possesses
27	**A** supplies	**B** contributes	**C** gives	**D** provides

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